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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yang et al.
Serial No.: 09/645,967
Filing Date: August 24, 2000
Title: 28-EPIRAPALOGS

Examiner: Kifle
Art Unit: 1624

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2004, Applicant requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

The present Response is timely filed on August 3, 2004 since a Petition for a three (3) month extension of time from May 3, 2004 to and including August 3, 2004 is being filed herewith. Please charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this Response.

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limitations of base claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

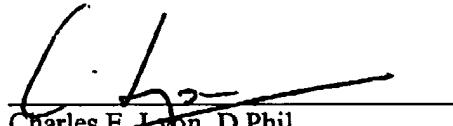
(vi) *Claims 84-88*

The Examiner states that it is improper for claims 84-88 to add additional limitations to base claims 81-83 since these claims are species claims. Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection; however, for the sole purpose of expediting prosecution of this case towards allowance, claims 84-88 have been re-written in independent format. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Conclusion:

For the reasons presented above, it is submitted that the pending claims are allowable. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this case towards allowance he is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-248-4793. In addition, please charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,

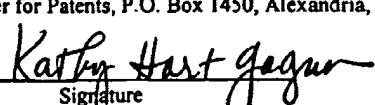

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